(c) During the recent visit of the Raksha Mantri to China, extensive discussions were held between two sides. These discussions focused mainly on furtherance of trust and confidence between the two countries particularly in the defence sphere. The discussions were held in a cordial atmosphere and reflected the resolve of the two countries to ensure peace and tranquility on the borders so that the two countries could concentrate on issues of national building and development.

**Trishul Missile programme**

296. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's short-range surface-to-air missile programme suffered a setback with all four Trishul' test-firings at Balasore failing to meet trial specifications;

(b) whether it has been decided to shelve the programme;

(c) if so, the details in this regard with amount earmarked and spent so far on the project;

(d) whether it is also a fact that on account of the failure of the project, the three services have been permitted to import short-range surface-to-air missiles; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. All the four flight tests of surface-to-air missile Trishul undertaken during 22nd-25th June 2003 have achieved all the mission objectives, such as proving the three beam guidance system, operation of the missile and ground systems in totality.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Trishul Missile development programme has been delayed due to technological problem and the project was delinked from the user services. In view of this, Services have been allowed to meet their urgent requirements through import.

**Demining in Hira Nagar Tehsil, J and K**

297. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that demining work has not been completed so far in the border areas of Hira Nagar Tehsil in Jammu and Kashmir, as a result farmers have not been able to cultivate their fields;

(b) if so, by when the demining work in that area is likely to be completed; and

(c) what is the rate of compensation payable to the farmers whose fields have been rendered unploughable due to mining in the area?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. De-mining is a time consuming process and safety measures of the highest level have to be adopted. Land is handed over only when it has been completely de-mined and made safe for civilian use.

(c) Compensation rates payable are indicated in the Statement enclosed.

***Statement***

*Compensation/rental payable for land held on requisition/hire in the State of Jammu and Kashmir*

| SI. No. | Category of land | Jammu & Kashmir Division per kanal (8 kanals=1 acre) per annum |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Class I | |
| | (a) Irrigated | Rs. 750/- |
| | (b) Irrigated (Double c ropped) | Rs. 1125/- |
| 2. | Class II | |
| | (a) Irrigated | Rs. 750/- |
| | (b) Unirrigated | Rs. 375/- |
| 3. | Class III | |
| | Uncultivable | Rs. 275/- |
| 4. | Fruit bearing Orchard | Rs. 1050/- |

The crop compensation for the crop damaged *i.e.* rabi crop is Rs. 10,000/-per acre.